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MADE IN INDIA SHOW
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 3-day `Made in India Show` was organised at Kabul recently;

(b) if so, the number of Indian companies participated in the trade fair;

(c) the volume of trade conducted at the fair;

(d) whether any trade agreements were signed; and

(e) the overall response of Afghanistan Government towards the Indian companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized `Made in India Show` at Kabul from 26-29 September, 2002.

(b) : 170 Indian companies representing various industrial sectors participated in the Show.

(c) : As a goodwill gesture, New Holland Tractors donated a tractor valued at US $ 8000 to the Ministry of Agriculture, Ashok Layland donated a generator valued at US $ 4000 to Afghanistan`s Ministry of Commerce for one of the hospitals in Kabul.50 % of the exhibiting companies have already appointed / are in the process of appointing dealers / distributors / agents. 10% of the exhibition companies have decided to open a representative office in Kabul. 20% of the participating companies are in the process of tying up with potential partners.

(d) : M/s Kamrup Industrial Gases Ltd. signed an agreement with Yahya Gulf Trading to set up a chemical and industrial gas unit with an approximate investment of US $ 2.5 million. An another Indian company has decided to invest in Afghanistan for setting up a mineral water plant in Kabul. The Indo - Afgan Business Forum (IABF) was officially launched on 26th September, 2002 in the presence of Afghanistan Commerce Minister and the Indian Foreign Secretary.

(e) : The overall response from the Afgan Government and the general public was very positive towards the `Made in India Show`. The exhibition was visited by senior Ministers, Deputy Ministers and senior Government officials from the Afghanistan Government.